

## My Horse Farm:

### Features

- Ride, groom and train your virtual horses like real ones.
- Compete in exciting races in the horse show arena. Gallop in the paddock with one of your horses and or take a trip to the countryside.
- Manage your finances so your estate can grow.
- Create your own character. Choose your own name, hair and skin color and clothing.
- Nine buildings with more than 40 upgrade options.
- Discover the many activities on your estate or in Trotterville.
- Self-explanatory, easy to use menu.
- Turn based strategy game.
- Real time game-play in arcade mode.
- Graphics by renowned children's book and comic book artists.
- More than 40 hours of fun and action.
- Soundtrack with 12 different types of background music, more than 200 sound effects and more than 200 language samples.

## Game Description:

Near the picturesque town of Trotterville there is a small farmhouse that belongs to you. The paddock and stables are just a few steps away. Waiting in one of the stables is your very own horse.

The young mare needs lots of attention. Everyday she waits for you to visit her in her stable. She needs to be fed, groomed and loves to gallop through the countryside. Her stall has to be kept clean, and like any other horse she needs loads of hay and fresh water. There's a lot of work to be done!

With some work your small horse farm can turn into a prospering getaway for horse lovers, but won't happen overnight. The house and stables need to be fixed up, and you will have to travel into Trotterville for supplies. A guesthouse will need to be built and



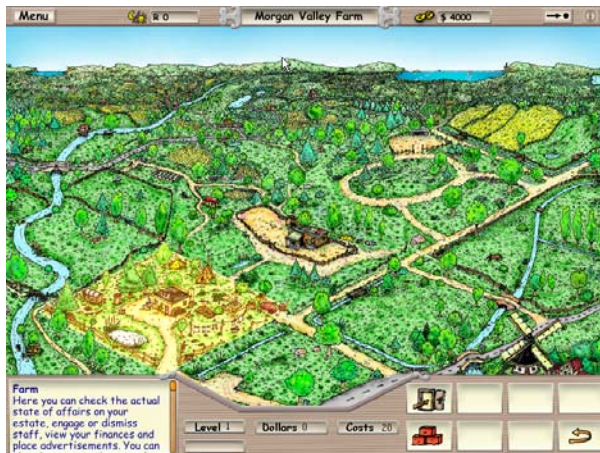
advertisements will have to be created and placed to attract guests. If you can do all this maybe you'll earn enough money to start breeding your own horses.

## Game Basics

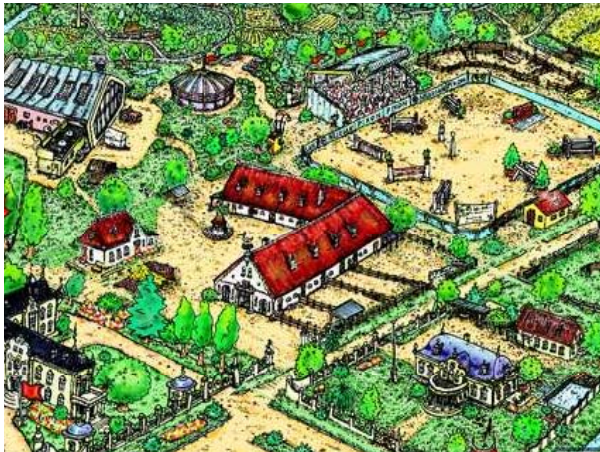
There are 3 basic elements to *My Horse Farm*: Running the farm, taking care of the horses, and an action packed, arcade style jump and run. You can choose between several game options, set goals for yourself and decide which parts of the game you want to emphasize. However the key to success is to try to do well in all three sections.

### 1. Business Simulation

The business simulation is the base of the game. You start with a small estate, a little stable and an empty paddock. You have no income at this stage. When you start buying land, upgrading buildings and employing staff, the small farm will become a thriving source of income.



Starting is the hardest part! You only have a few resources to start out with, so you have to manage your business well to get something going. The little bit of money you have will have to suffice in the early stages. It is essential to budget, operate economically and try to increase profits.



As soon as you make enough money, you can start to expand your farm. All of your buildings can be extended, fixed up and new buildings can be bought. If you are good with your finances you can soon be the owner of a magnificent estate. People will come from all over to spend time at your horse farm.

## 2. Taking Care of Your Horses

The horses live in the stables and pastures of the farm. They need to be taken care of, fed, groomed and exercised on a daily basis. All horses have individual statistics. The stats change continuously, depending on how well you take care of your horses.





The well being of your horses is your main concern. If you groom and train them in the right way, their stats will rise, and your horses will become strong and healthy. Only a strong horse that trusts his owner can win in horse shows and successfully breed. If you neglect your responsibilities, the stats of your horses will decline. You must not forget to care for your horses; otherwise, the people from the Animal Protection Association will knock at your door and take the poor horses with them.

## What does a horse need to be healthy and happy?

First of all, a horse needs plenty of food. There are different types and qualities, and the choice of food can influence the horse's health. A horse that gets enough vitamins and minerals will not only stay healthy, his power and endurance will grow by leaps and bounds.

Your horse also needs to be groomed regularly. A shimmering coat and a splendid mane not only look great but also help keep your horses from getting sick. Don't forget to care for their hooves. Dirty, untended hooves hold a high risk of injury. So be sure to take care of them too.

### 3. Riding

The third element of the game is the action part: riding.



Here you try to complete a track with your horse. Quick reactions and a good command of the keyboard are required here. You can let it go or rein back the horse, to control your horse's speed. When an obstacle appears be sure to give the command to jump at the right moment.

Hopefully your horse won't refuse...



On cross-country rides the horse gets a lot of exercise, so his strength and endurance stats will rise. You can choose between three different landscapes: the woods, the beach or cities and countryside. Each of those landscapes features three different types of tracks with varied degrees of difficulty.

You can also go to the horse show arena in Trotterville to take part in horse shows and compete with other riders and their horses.

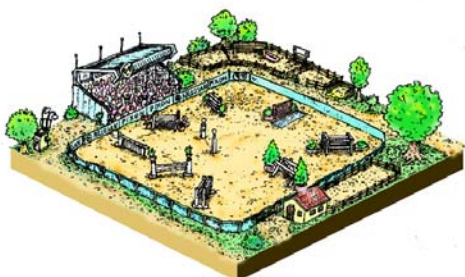
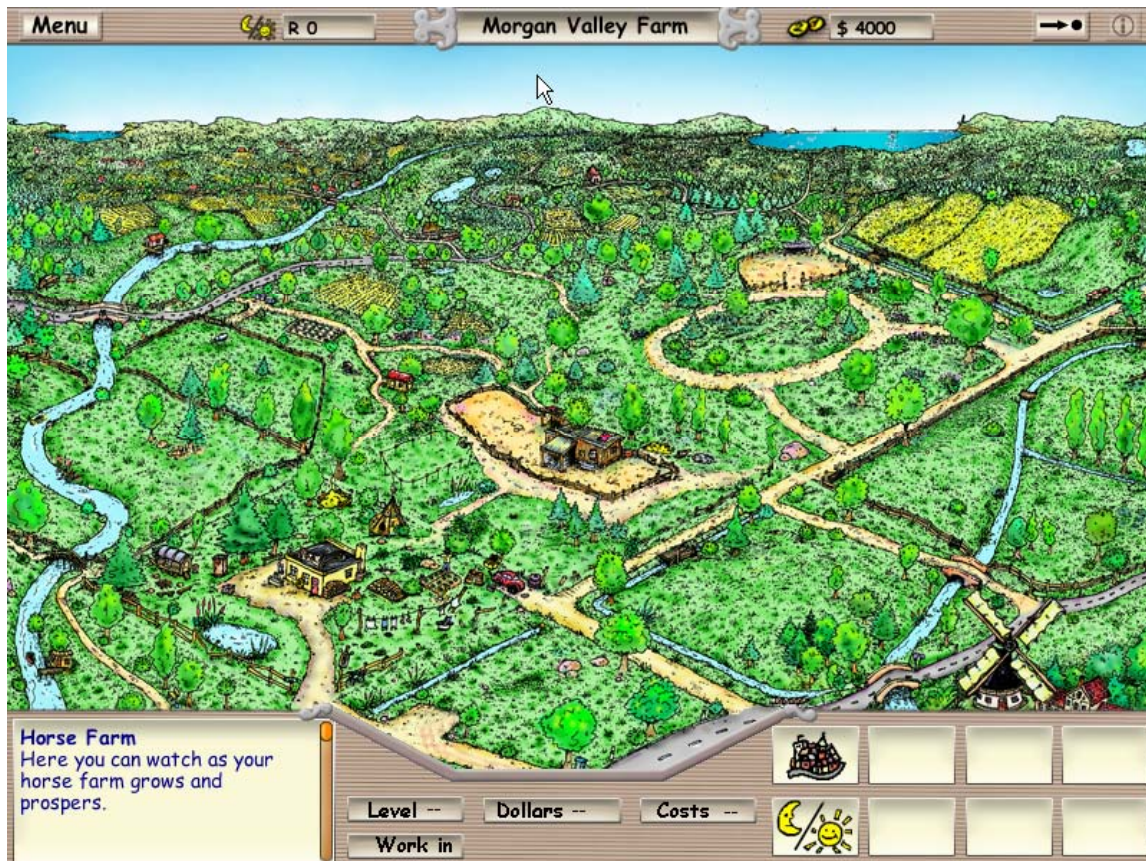
### Estate and Town

#### The Main Locations at a Glance



## 1. The Survey Map of Morgan Valley Farm (your Horse Farm)

The gorgeous Morgan Valley Farm with all its adjacent pastures is the new home of the horse-loving player. The survey map is the starting point for all actions in the game. Each turn starts and ends here. The farm is seen from a bird's eye view. Here you can see the buildings and sites you own and to what extent they are upgraded.



Horse and rider have to complete several training courses before the

horse is ready to leave the farm and go for a ride in the countryside.

Once the training parcours is fully upgraded, it is a popular destination for visitors. Many of them will put their cars in the spacious parking lot and go to the grand stand, where they can watch the riders and horses.



Afterwards, the visitors can retreat into their snug guestrooms, which are located in the luxurious guesthouse on the estate. After all, they need to rest before their evening riding lessons, at the beautiful indoor riding hall.

The human guests aren't the only ones with nice accommodations the estate. The horses also enjoy top-notch treatment. In the pasture they can graze on juicy grass and have lots of space to let off steam.



### 1.1. The Farm House







Even though there is a lot to do on the farm, a little bit of paperwork can't be avoided. Fortunately, there is a fully equipped office in the farmhouse.

Here you get an overview on your finances and the statistics of the estate. Furthermore, you can hire or dismiss employees here, or create and place advertisements. You can also change your outfit in the dressing room.





## 1.2. The Stable



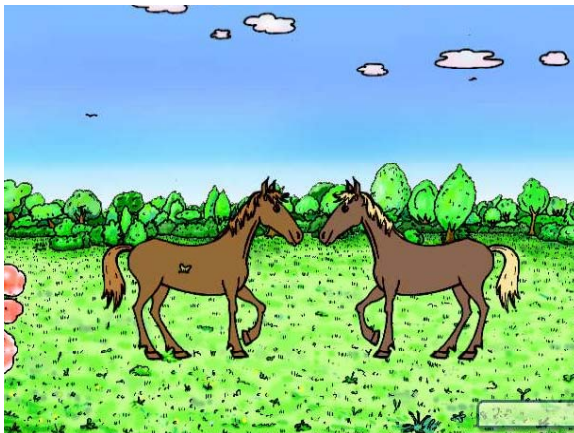
The stable is where the horses live on your estate. Here you can feed, groom and pet them. You can view the horse sheets here. Too. They have important information about the physical and mental condition of each horse.

The more you upgrade your stables, the more horses you can board on your farm. More guest horses mean more earned money, but that also means more expense because they also eat lots of food!



The horse sheet is a book where the stats of a horse are written down. Is he hungry or thirsty? Is his fur and are his hooves in good condition? Does he trust you or not? How strong, how fit, how healthy is he? How much money would he bring if you sold him right now? The answers to those questions can be found in the horse sheet, as well as the name, color and competition class of the horse.

## 1.3. The Breeding Pasture



You can also breed horses. However before the first cute foals will be born, you have to set the stage for breeding. First of all, you need to bring together a stallion and a mare – the future parents-to-be. Who knows – maybe they'll manage to conceive a little baby-horse?

If they do, the offspring will be born a couple of rounds later. At the beginning, the foal lives with his mother in the stable. When it grows up, it will need its own stall. So make sure there is enough room by then.

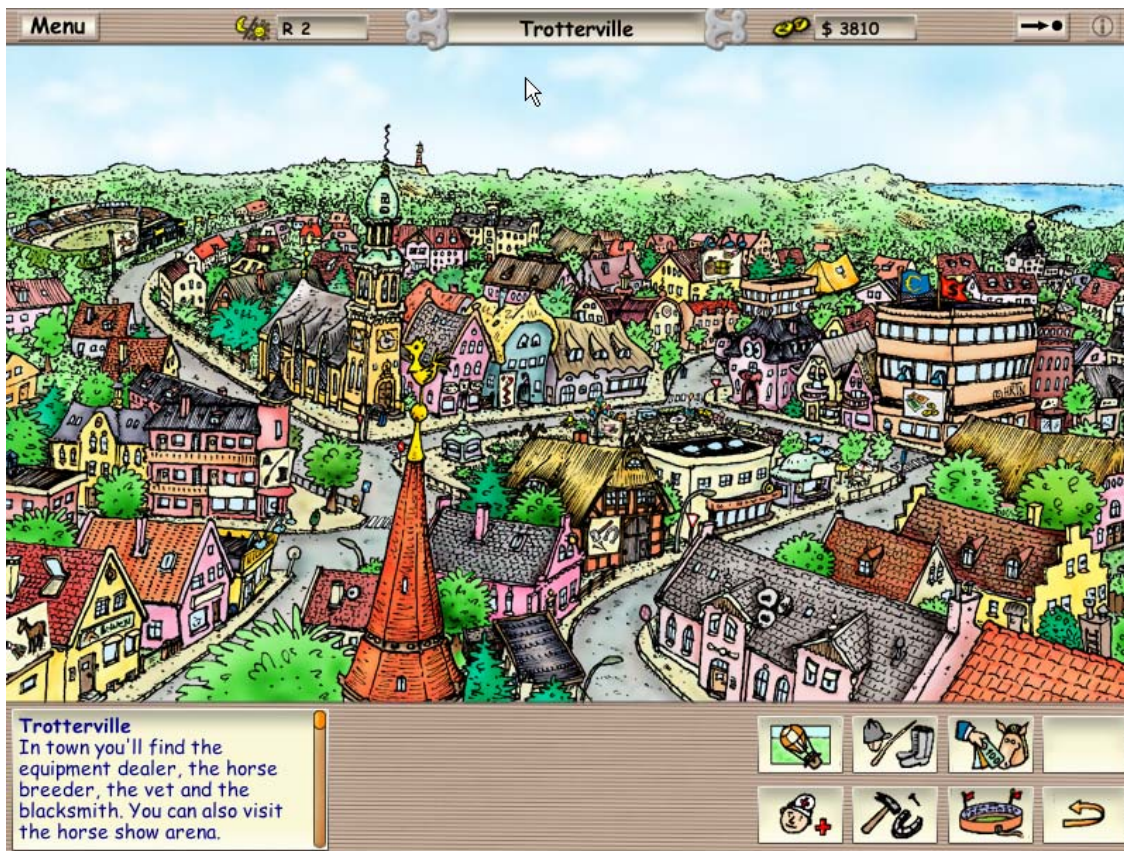


The personality, fur, mane and tail color of the young horse are all influenced by his parents. So, you have to keep in mind that there are a lot of components to think about when putting a mare and a stallion together.

## 2. The Town of Trotterville

The small town of Trotterville is not far from your horse farm. There are a lot of things you can do here!





Trotterville is famous for its exciting horse shows in the arena where the best riders and horses compete. There are three competition classes. If a horse wins in one class, it rises up to the next. The racetracks get harder from class to class. Winning the S-competition is one of the highest goals in the game. (It is the only way for a horse to gain international recognition as a racehorse.)



The more competitions a horse wins the more prized it will become to breeders.





If your horse is sick or hurt, and needs emergency treatment, you will be able to get help in town at the Vet. But keep in mind; you can treat minor problems yourself – provided you have a little know-how and a well-equipped medicine cabinet.



Just around the corner, is the blacksmith. This is where you bring your horse to be re-shoed. He can also trim the horses hooves and clean them thoroughly.

The tack shop will probably be your favorite place in town to visit. This is where you can buy nearly everything you need for your horses: food, saddles and bridles, as well as, all kinds of grooming accessories. You can also barter your used equipment if you're short on cash.

### Installing "My Horse Farm"

Start your computer and put the CD in your CD drive and follow the on screen prompts. "My Horse Farm" requires DirectX-7 or higher. This tool can be found on the CD. You should install DirectX-7 only if it has not been installed yet. If you're not sure whether it is installed on your computer or not, use the default settings.



### Uninstalling "My Horse Farm"

In order to uninstall "My Horse Farm", choose "My Horse Farm" from the "Start" menu. Choose "uninstall My Horse Farm," and the game will be removed from your computer.

**Genre:** Crossover between Strategy, action, and simulation.

**Platform:** PC CD-ROM

## System requirements:

**Minimum:** Windows 98, 2000, ME, XP Pentium 2 Processor or better, 32 MB ram, 8 MB graphics card, DirectX-7 or higher, 8-fold CD-ROM-drive, 600 MB free disk space, sound blaster-compatible sound card with DirectX-support, Microsoft-compatible mouse.

**Recommended:** Windows 98, 2000, ME, XP Pentium 3 Processor or better, 128 MB ram, 32 MB graphics card, DirectX-7 or higher, 16-fold CDROM-drive, 600 MB free disk space, sound blaster compatible sound card with DirectX-support, Microsoft-compatible mouse.

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